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Re: **U.S. Patent Application**  
**Serial No.: 10/018,479; Filed: December 19, 2001**  
**For: Tooling Fixture**  
**Inventors: Bennett, et al.**  
**Our Ref.: 0203-0010**

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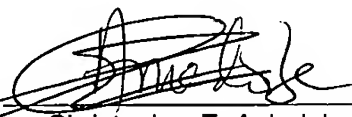
Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. (1) Post card.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant(s) herewith respectfully requests the following amendments: